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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, DR

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: LA SUGAR PRODUCERS  
AT PUERTO PLATA

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER I RAISED  
THE SUBJECT OF THE LA SUGAR PRODUCERS' MEETING AT PUERTO  
PLATA. AFTER ALLUDING TO HIS FEB 27 POLICY STATEMENT, I EX-  
PRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT THERE MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE PUERTO  
PLATA MEETING A SUGAR PRICE-FIXING SCHEME UNILATERALLY DEvised  
BY THE PRODUCERS. BALAGUER REPLIED THAT THE GODR WOULD NOT  
RPT NOT BE PARTY TO ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT AND WOULD DO ITS  
UTMOST TO PREVENT ITS COMING INTO BEING. HE CONTINUED THAT HE  
REGARDED THE MEETING TO BE A TECHNICAL ONE WHICH HE WOULD NOT  
ATTEND. HE THOUGHT THAT MEANS SHOULD BE DEvised AT THE MEETING  
FOR BROADER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT AND  
FUTURE MARKET CONDITIONS. EVENTUALLY, AFTER CONSIDERABLE  
DISCUSSION BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS SOME METHOD OF  
STABILIZING, BUT NOT FIXING, PRICES MIGHT BE FOUND TO BE  
FEASIBLE IN ORDER TO AVOID "BOOM OR BUST" CYCLES. IN THIS  
REGARD, HE FOUND THE U.S. POSITION AT THE COFFEE MEETING AS  
REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS TO BE CONSTURCTIVE AND PERHAPS  
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APPLICABLE TO SUGAR AS WELL.

2. I SUGGESTED THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE EQUITIES OF BOTH CONSUMER AND PRODUCER, A THIRD IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION WAS THAT OF REALISTIC PRICES I.E. THOSE THAT WERE NOT SO ARTIFICALLY HIGH AS TO STIMULATE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION AND/OR SUBSTITUTES. THE PRESIDENT AGREED THAT IT WAS A COMPLEX PROBLEM ABOUT WHICH CONSIDERABLY MORE KNOWLEDGE WAS REQUIRED BEFORE DECIDING HOW BEST TO PROTECT EVERY ONE'S INTEREST.

3. BALAGUER APPEARED CONFIDENT THAT MOST COUNTRIES ATTENDING WOULD ADOPT MODERATE AND CAUTIOUS POSTURES WITH RESPECT TO ANY DISCUSSION OF PRICING MECHANISM THAT MIGHT ARISE. CUBA AND PERHAPS MEXICO ("RADICAL" COUNTRIES IN HIS VIEW) MIGHT TRY TO PUSH FOR PRICE AGREEMENTS, BUT HE DOUBTED THAT THEY WOULD SUCCEED.

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